

In Touch

Sharing the Faith Story of Ooltewah United Methodist Church



It's Time to Move On

For the last fifteen months, we have been in the construction or remodeling mode. Personally, it has been the last three and half years, as much planning and meetings were required to get our new Worship Center off the ground. Now that we are winding things down the punch list is to be completed by September 14, it is time for all of us to move on in focusing on our mission of making disciples and transforming the world.

I pray that everyone will get plugged into a small group or other learning opportunity. Eric Light has put together a wonderful booklet describing all the fall learning opportunities. The Mother's Day Out Program is now in full swing; and Annette Smith and Allison Groves have given excellent leadership to this ministry. Sam Marks, Ryan Beavers and Farah Claxton are positioned, along with so many talented people in our faith community, to take us to new places with music, worship and creative arts. The Student Ministry, under the leadership of Pam Wells, now has space and classrooms to call their very own. We have wonderful adult space for Christian Education meetings and fellowship. The Connection Point brings all of our church facilities together and along with ample parking and many places to enter our wonderful facilities, it is time to move on.

It is time to move on in reaching people across the street and around the world. Will you prayerfully consider your next step in faith and our next step in ministry?

It's time - Let's Move On !

In Christ,

P.S. Question - What is left to be done *David* on the new building and remodeling of our other facilities?

In terms of the new Worship Center and Connection Point, two sound panels are to be placed, along with the other panels already installed in the back of the Worship Center, a thermostat adjusted, stage and step molding corrected, and completing the landscaping around the Worship Center.

Renovation to be completed: The front awning put back in the main entrance to the Sanctuary and some finishing up to the trim around the new entry doors.

Eagle Scout Project: One of our Boy Scouts will give leadership to burying the drain pipes and landscaping the area between the Connection Point and the Sanctuary. This is planned to be completed before years end.

Sod Days: Thanks to everyone who participated in the two Saturdays of laying sod. In less than 4 hours, we put down 3 tractor trailer loads of sod and everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

New Message Series
by David Graves begins
in September
**"It's a
Judgment Call"**

September 7
"Eye to Eye"
with Holy Communion
in both services

September 14
"Double Standard"

September 21
**"Don't Just
Stand There"**

September 28
"Sentenced"

October 5
"Laity Sunday"

September 14
3:00 p.m.
**Cleveland District
Conference**
We will host the
annual
District Conference
with representative
from the 70 churches across
the District

September 28
5:00 p.m.
Covered Dish Picnic
at
Harrison Bay
State Park
6:00 p.m.
Immersion Baptism
Service

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**Ministry Team
Leaders**

Congregational Care

Pauline
Tomlinson

Education
Team Leader
Janice Miller

Evangelism
Team Leader
Ty Cooper

Missions Team
Leader
Bob & Becky
Lockaby

Worship
Team Leader
Robbie & Shawn
Dunn

Music

Rehearsal Times:

Wednesdays

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir

Thursdays

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Celebration Choir,

Praise Team
and Praise Band

Ministry News...

by Eric Light, Director of Connectional Ministries

Bon Appetit!

In our culture of abundance it's sometimes hard for us to truly understand hunger. We have so many options available to us we seldom feel the pangs of hunger like many others do. In some ways the abundance we enjoy is a blessing to be thankful for, but in other ways it is a shame, because God's people need to experience an intense hunger physically to appreciate how we are to hunger and thirst for God spiritually. Hungry people find it hard to focus on anything else until their hunger is fed. Hungry people are desperate, and will stop at nothing to find something to eat.

I hope you're feeling the hunger pangs now- I hope that this Fall will be a time when you are sensitized to your need to feed on God's spiritual provisions of Word, Worship, Service, and Prayer. As I review our Discipleship Menu for the Fall, I see numerous opportunities for growth, reflection, spiritual nourishment and service.

My hope is that the people of OUMC will be hungry and motivated to come and eat the good things prepared for us. My fear is that our apathy, indifference and attraction to worldly things will fill our bellies with enough junk food (quick fixes, self-help, materialism, entertainment, indulgence, etc.) that we don't hunger for the good stuff (the Bread of Life, Living Water, sacrificial service to others, etc.).

A second aspect to our need to feed ourselves spiritually relates to Jesus' teaching on building our house. He said that if we build on an unsure foundation (sandy soil) that when the floods come (and they will come!) that our house will crumble. If instead we build our house on the Rock (Christ's teachings) then the floods will come, the winds will blow, but the righteous will stand firm.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."...Matthew 7: 24-27

Know this- it's too late to build your house on a firm foundation when the flood waters are already rising! Don't wait until it starts raining to shore up your foundation! Invest now- build now- study and feed on God's Word now so that when (not if) the storms of life come, you won't be out in the cold. Dig deep, past the sandy soil and build your life on the firm foundation of God's Word. We're here to help you so please come and take advantage of all that's set before you.

Hoping you're hungry!

Eric

Mission News...

What the News Didn't Tell you During the Olympics

Pastor Zhang "Bike" Mingxuan, known for traveling across China on a bicycle to evangelize, was arrested by Chinese police just two days before the Olympics began. Pastor Bike was the inspiration for the creation of the Olympic Prayer Band. Thanks to Pastor Bike's inspiration and the commitment of concerned Christians across the United States, more than 800,000 prayer bands have been circulated. On Aug. 6, Pastor Bike was arrested while trying to deliver medicine to his ailing wife. His wife and another pastor were also arrested. Chinese officials are opening a full investigation of the Olympic Prayer Bands that were distributed to house church members within China. Despite this increased pressure from Chinese authorities, Chinese Christians continue to ask for prayer and to make their plight known.

Prayer Request From India - On August 25, suspected Hindu extremists set fire to an orphanage run by Christian missionaries in the Indian state of Orissa, burning a woman to death. She was thrown into the burning building when she tried to stop them from attacking the children. The pastor was severely burned. Since then at least a dozen churches have been burned. OUMC's missionary in India, Peter Pereira writes: *"The persecution in Orissa state north of Hyderabad is escalating. One of our [associates] from Kurdha was distributing pamphlets for [a] conference and was beaten and they poured diesel to set fire [to him], but by the grace of God the match did not strike. They attempted seven times. [Another associate] Bikas has had five branch churches damaged and his main church is on [their] hit list. The attack is going on while I write this email on two churches.*

Please ask friends to pray for our brothers and sisters who are under attack. Many have been killed, women and children have been abused. Pray for God's protection. Our staff is mobilizing to reach them and show our concern and love."

Announcements...

OUMC Men's Conference

CALLING ALL MEN! Sign up today for the Men's Conference, "Success That Matters", September 19 and 20, 2008. Learn about true success at work, at home, and in your walk with God. Registration: \$20 on or before 8/25/08; \$25 thereafter. A registration table will be set up in the Connection Point Corridor. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bret Cook at [238-8010](tel:238-8010) or wbcintn@yahoo.com.

A Very Blessed Fish Fry!

We had a great turn-out for the Fish Fry---over 200 people! And we raised \$10,000 (for the third year) for the Bethlehem Center!! Thanks so much for all of you who came and supported the Beth and gave so generously! And heart-felt thanks to those many volunteers who helped it go so smoothly! It was a great dinner for a great cause! Another big thanks to Best Buy and Kevin Bowling for donating 10 T.V.s to the Bethlehem Center. What a great way to get business involved in the community!

Claire Overmyer

Scrapbooking Small Group

A new interest-based small group will be starting this month. Those of you interested in scrapbooking, card making or other types of crafts, come join us on the fourth Saturday of the month for a small group crop workshop. We will do a devotional each month and then spend the evening in fellowship and productive cropping to preserve your memories. For more information, contact Tara Moore at 423-645-4197 or by e-mail at taralblack@yahoo.com.

Craft and Home Business Fair

November 8 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Do you have a craft or home business? If so, here is your chance to show off what you do! On Saturday, November 8, OUMC will host the annual Craft and Home Business Fair from 10am until 2pm in the CLC. Tables/selling areas will be \$15.00 which will also include coffee and baked goods that morning. The proceeds will go to our own Share and Care ministry. These types of shows draw many people and will be a wonderful "reach out" opportunity for our church! We will need many volunteers to make this a successful event so please mark this date on your calendar. To register or for more information please pick up a registration form. These will be located at the information counter outside the new worship center. For more information or questions, please call Jill Stansell-238-2067

Sing for Joy

September 14 at 1:20 p.m.

Please join us as we sing the old hymns and bring smiles to the faces of residents at 3 local nursing homes! We will sing at MORNING POINTE, THE LANTERN AND LIFECARE OF COLLEGE DALE. Need more information? Please call Jill Stansell-238-2067.

Many Thanks

Dear Friends, Thank you for your donations and help in the Cut-A-Thon. I can't express how much your kindness has meant to me and my family. Your Christian love overwhelms me. "Let your light so shine before men, so they may see your good work and glorify your Father, which is in Heaven."...Matthew 5:16
Love, June Neal and Family.

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone for helping me get ready for my new son. The shower was such a blessing and we appreciate everything we received. Truman was born August 8th and is doing well. Thank you again for your love and kindness. *Catherine Spicer*

Our Blessed Journey

First of all, praises to Jesus our Almighty King. God has been with us through our journey—"The Lord is the strength of my life."...Psalm 27:1 God has shown Himself through our family here at OUMC. Words cannot express the love and gratitude we have for our family, our precious pastors and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks for all the prayers, love, visits, cards, meals and much more. Our cup runneth over...*Larry and Ginger Kemp*

To My Church Family,

I know God has given Charles rest and peach now. I couldn't have made it without Jesus and your prayers. Debra and I want to thank each one of you for all the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, visits, and especially to the choir for the beautiful music. It's wonderful to know that we could have called upon each one of you during these difficult times. I love you all and may God bless you is our prayer.
Joyce Cooper and Debra

Chili Cook-Off

The "Kingdom Investment" event known as the "Chili Cook-off and Man-made Dessert contest" will be held on Sunday, September 7th. This event will help send the India and Uganda teams to serve our missionaries in their countries. Sign ups for judges, chili cooks, and male dessert creators are open now. Contact Matt Burton-event coordinator at: heart4missions@comcast.net.

Attention Scouts

Attention all boys 1st grade and older, the time to join OUMC's Boy Scout and Cub Scout program is now! We meet on Monday nights at 7 pm at OUMC, and would love to have you join us. The program will take the boys camping, fishing, hiking, and really develops that all essential moral compass. Learning to develop an appreciation for the creation that God gave us is central to the program. Come learn more about scouting today, call Dale Miller, 423-238-4526.

In helping to provide a holistic approach to a healing ministry, the Congregational Care Team would like to offer the following ministries, and community agencies as resources to you, your family and for those whose life you touch and minister to. This is not a complete list, nor do we exclusively support these agencies, rather for convenience sake, would like to provide you with some of the agencies that we have developed trusted relationships with:

If you need additional information please contact Amy Nutt at 238-9216

AAA Women's Services
892-0803

Alzheimer's Association
265-3600

Bradley Cleveland
Community Services
479-4111

Chattanooga Cares
267-2273

Children's Advocacy
Center 266-6918

Contact of Chattanooga
266-8228
(hotline &
crisis response)

First Call for Help
265-8000 or 211

First Things First
267-5383

MS Society
634-1754

Partnership for Families,
Children & Adults
755-2822

Respond
499-2300
(hotline &
crisis response)

Samaritan Center
238-7777

S.E. Area Agency on
Aging & Disability
424-4256

I pray that Christ will live in your hearts by faith and that your life will be strong in love and be built on love. And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:17-19
(New Century Version)

Children's Ministry News

Annette Smith, Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Ministry is looking for new volunteers to join the team. If you want to share Jesus with our children, contact Annette @ 238-9216 or childrensministry@ooltewahumc.org. Opportunities to serve are available at both 9:30 and 11:00.

Children's Choirs

Wednesday Nights
6:30-7:30

Preschool Choir

Room # 119

Preschool choir children ages 3-4 enjoy singing, devotions, crafts, and creative play

School-age Choir

Children's Theater

School-age choir children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, will enjoy, singing, preparing for a Christmas program, and devotions.

We need volunteers to help with the Children's Choir and the Christmas program for our school-age children. If you can help with choir, drama, costumes, or would just like to provide adult supervision and an extra set of hands, please call Annette @ 238-9216.

Trunk or Treat

If you would like to be a part of the design team for this year's event, contact Annette @ 238-9216 or childrensministry@ooltewahumc.org. Be a part of planning this exciting community outreach event.



THIS MONTH IN 252 BASICS

(School-age small group Bible study, Sunday mornings @9:30)

The virtue for the month of September is knowledge, - discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do:

Week 1: Since God knows everything, it's important to know what God says. (Bible story: 12-year-old Jesus at the temple)

Week 2: Knowing what God says helps me make the wise choice. (Bible story: Jesus is tempted)

Week 3: When I make the wise choice, it helps others do what God says. (Bible story: Daniel is trained in Babylon)

Week 4: Knowing what God says helps me know how to get closer to God. (Bible story: Josiah promises to follow the covenant)

Children's Church at the 11:00am service is now available through 3rd grade.

Kindergarten and 1st grade meet in room #115 and 2/3 grades meet in room # 108.



THIS MONTH IN MY FIRST LOOK

(Preschool small group Bible study, Sunday Morning at 9:30)

"God Loves Me" will be the central theme for September. All month, we'll learn about one of the greatest people in the Bible—David. David relied on God for his strength and success. We'll use David as an example to help preschoolers learn that

God loves me no matter what. Please use your Small Talk cards that your child receives each week at Sunday School to keep the learning going at home.

memory verse: "Nothing can separate us from God's love" Romans 8:39, NIV

Week 1: "David protects his sheep" – 1 Samuel 17:34-37

Week 2: "David and Goliath" – 1 Samuel 17:1-50

Week 3: "David and Jonathan say goodbye" – 1 Samuel 20:3-42

Week 4: "David praises God" – 2 Samuel 6:14, Psalm 149

OSM in September

Sunday School, every Sunday

9:30-10:30

We have co-ed classes for both Middle and High school students. These classes meet in the Christian Life Center and are led by a great group of adult volunteers who love investing in the lives of your students.

2:42 SMALL GROUPS

"THE BELIEVERS STUDIED WHAT THE APOSTLES TAUGHT. THEY SHARED LIFE TOGETHER. THEY BROKE BREAD AND ATE TOGETHER. AND THEY PRAYED." ACTS 2:42

242 GROUPS PROVIDE A TIME FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR LEADERS TO ENGAGE TOGETHER ABOUT DEEPER MATTERS OF LIFE AND FAITH. THESE GROUPS ARE CO-ED BUT OFTEN BREAK INTO SMALLER, GENDER SPECIFIC GROUPS DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER. 242 GROUPS MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-7:30 IN THE OSM ROOMS IN THE CLC.

MEETING ON: 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

The Mix

(6th-12th grade students)

Sunday nights

5:30-7:30

Meeting On:

9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

The Mix-Dinner Schedule

See the OUMC website for current dinner schedule assignments.

www.coltsawahumc.org

Click on the student ministry link.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM RETREAT

9/13/08

(For Senior High Leadership Team)

SENIOR HIGH DAY RETREAT

9/27/08

All Senior High Students are invited. Join us for a full day of rock climbing and rappelling with your friends. See the OSM Board for additional info and Sign Up brochures

Coming

Soon...

- ❖ 10/8/08 OSM Resurrection Fundraiser Dinner
- ❖ 10/10-17/08 Hamilton County Schools Fall Break
- ❖ 10/19/08 OUMC hosts the Festival of Gifts & Talents
- ❖ 10/26/08 Trunk or Treat
- ❖ 10/26/08 Youth Sunday

OUMC Has Pod Cast

OUMC is officially getting with the times! We have recently set up a Podcast so each week's message will automatically be downloaded straight to your computer. If you have iTunes or a similar program to "catch" Podcasts then this is for you! Catch it at www.oumc.mypodcast.

Congregational Care

Amy Nutt, Associate Pastor



Congregational Care
Team Leader
Pauline Tomlinson

Prime Timers
JoAnn Wrinkle

Memorial Cards
Patsy Holland

OUMC Care Cards
Barbara Graham

What are Stephen Ministers?

- Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and to care—not to counsel or advise. Please do not refer to Stephen Ministers as counselors.
- Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry. Stephen Ministers engage in twice-monthly supervision to ensure that they are providing the best quality Christian care for their care receivers.
- Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and specific details are never discussed.
- Stephen Ministers do not make cold calls. They are assigned only to people who agree to receive the care of a Stephen Minister.

Update On Training

Training for new Stephen Ministers will begin in October, at First Centenary United Methodist, Chattanooga, TN. To begin your application process and register for this training please contact Rev. Amy Nutt at amy.nutt@ooltewahumc.org or 238-9216.

Women's Bible Study

W.H.A.T.?? A new Ladies Bible Study small group being formed? Yes, you heard right, a new group, Women Having A Time, will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Fit One Gym. Child care will be provided. with a focused study on God's Grace. Please call church office at 238-9216 to reserve your spot.

When Women Gather

Do you find yourself longing to be like the New Testament, Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus, but the pressures and daily demands just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you really love Jesus and want to serve Him, yet struggle with adding one more thing to your "to do list"? If this rings true, then you are invited to join a ladies bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and journey through a 12 week study through the book, "Having A Mary Heart, In A Martha World" by JoAnna Weaver.

Cost of the book is \$18.00 and class will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd. Please contact the church office at 238-9216 or email office@ooltewahumc.org to reserve your spot. Childcare will be offered only through our Mother's Day Out program, for more information please contact Mother's Day Out Director, Allison Groves at Allison.groves@ooltewahumc.org.

Think Pink and Eat Lunch for a Good Cause!

Did you know that over the course of a lifetime, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer? Staggering! So let's make a stand for the awareness and education to help prevent Breast Cancer while enjoying lunch with our friends on Monday, September 8th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Christian Life Center for the cost of \$10.00 for lunch. The Education Team from the Mary Ellen Locher Breast Cancer Resource Center will facilitate a program of education and preventative tips to avoid Breast Cancer. The program will consist of highlighting causes, incidence, risk factors; and options of treatment when you have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer. You will also be able to pre-register for your mammogram and take advantage of the Mammogram Mobile on our church campus, Sunday, September 14th from 10 am – 1:00 pm. For more information regarding scheduling your mammogram please call Breast Services at Memorial Hospital at 485-4040. To make reservations for the Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop and luncheon please call the church office at 238-9216 or email Amy Nutt at amy.nutt@ooltewahumc.org.

United Methodist Women's News Alpha Circle

Alpha Circle UMW will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2008, at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room of the Hundley Administration Building. All women are invited to attend this meeting on missions, and to join us afterward at a local restaurant for lunch and fellowship.

The Friendship Circle will meet on September 18th at 6:30 in the kitchen area of the education wing. The Freedom circle will meet on September 27th at 10:00 in the Huddleston room.. Childcare is provided for the Friendship and Freedom circle meetings. If you will be using childcare please let the circle leader know. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to become a part of The United Methodist Women.

The Unit meeting that was scheduled for September 13th is being rescheduled for October. The date will be announced.

Calling all Women...

The UMM has been so generous in the past to serve at our Women's conferences and now it is our turn to return the favor. We have been asked to prepare desserts and serve lunch for the Men's Conference. If you are able to help with this please contact Diane Howard or Becky Lockaby. Several of our women just returned from an all day conference on Ending Domestic Abuse. Please join us in prayer as we seek to discover how God wants us to use this information to impact our world.

Barbara Graham- President OUMC UMW

Alzheimer's Ministry

Faith Connections
Our next Faith Connection service will be September 21st at 11:00 a.m., at the Lantern.

Alzheimer's Support Group
This group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Greenbriar Cove Community Center at 11:30 a.m.

Our Stewardship

Vital Signs through August 24th

Sunday School/Small Group Attendance.....264
Average Worship Attendance in August..... 483

Our Gifts

Ministry, Program and New Building Budget
\$1,373,231.00

Budget to Date\$897,881.79
Received to date \$814,980.55

Mission Outreach

Giving to Date..... \$42,369.05

Upcoming Meetings

- *Mission Team –Wed. September 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
- *Staff Parish Team –Mon., Sept. 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
- *Nominating Committee –
Monday, September 15 @ 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Debbie and Josh McBrayer on the birth of their son, Cason Eli, born Tuesday, July 29. He weighed in at 5lb 1 oz and is now at home. Proud big brother is J.C.

Congratulations to Jessica and Kevin Bowling on the birth of Judah Arieh Bowling, born on Friday, August 8, at 6:51 a.m. Judah weighed in at 9 lbs 9 oz and was 21" long. Big sister is Shi-Mae. Proud grandparents are Joel and Kim Kailing.

Congratulations to Cynthia and Alan Blackwell on the birth of their son, Kyle Vincent, born Monday, August 25th. Kyle was 7 lbs 4oz and 20 inches long. Proud big brother is Jacob.

Christian Sympathy

We express our Christian Sympathy to Becky Bates and her family in the death of her father, Ray Ferguson, on July 24.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Karen and Eric Light in the death of Karen's grandmother, Loretta Calvi, on August 3, in Nevada. The funeral was in California.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Charlie and Mable Roberts in the death of Charlie's aunt, Mildred Stubblefield, on August 27.

Prayer Concerns...

- Please keep Titus Bates and family in your prayers, his hip replacement surgery has been a long extensive process
- Doris Bryant, Lifecare Center Collegedale Room #11B Southwing -Carolyn and David Bryant. Please keep both of them in your prayers for travelling mercies as they travel to Maine and Carolyn is to resume treatment when they return
- Dan Clippinger under doctors care for vision problems
- Linda Green as she completes radiation therapy this week—praise that she is doing really well
- John Lane, shut in member, at home and not doing well
- Ginger Kemp as she recovers from radiation therapy
- Katie Marter, in the birth of Leyah Danielle in NICU at TC Thompson's Children's Hospital
- Shirley Lawson recovering at home from recent heart surgery
- Mable Roberts, Mable's mother in critical condition in Dalton
- Our military personnel serving around the world

New Members

Dan and Jurrie Mott
6147 Gibbs Lane
Ooltewah, TN 37363
344-8960

Raymond Mott
6989 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363

Anthony and Kelly Weathers
Daughter, Madelyn
11102 London Lane
Apison, TN 37302
236-5508

OUMC Homeless Ministry

Starting September 3, the OUMC Homeless Task Force will be sponsoring a weekly outreach to the homeless in the Ooltewah area. The Christian Life Center will be open every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 1:00, and volunteers will provide a meal, access to the shower facilities, and Christian fellowship. If you are interested in helping with this new ministry, please contact Becky Lockaby at 344-7361 or rlockabyjr@comcast.net.

Ushers for September

11:00

Tim and Kathy Rogers
Connie and Randy Petty
Craig Schand
Dan Burton
Ed and Donna Lawrence

9:30

Jim and Elaine McKelvey
Trudy Swanson

Church Staff

David Graves Pastor
Amy Nutt Associate Pastor
Eric Light Director of Connectional Ministries
Samuel Marks Director of Worship and Creative Arts
Ryan Beavers Worship Media/Student Ministries
Farah Claxton Associate Director of Music
Pam Wells Director of Student Ministries
Annette Smith Director of Children's Ministries
Jill Stansell Congregational Care/Membership Development
Allison Groves Director of Pre-School Ministry
Beth Millhollin Kitchen Manager
Rhonda Thomasson Administrative Secretary
Sarah Roach Business Manager
Todd Hibbard Accompanist
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Prayer Focus for
month of September
~Congregational
Care~

September 7
Pastor Amy Nutt
and Family

September 14
Breast Cancer Awareness

September 21
Alzheimer's Ministry

September 28
Shut In's and Caregivers

"I will be loyal
to the United
Methodist
Church and do
all in my power
to strengthen its
ministries by my
prayers, my
presence, my
gifts, and my
service."

Purpose Statement

To bring people to Jesus, develop them to Christ-like maturity, equip them for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to magnify God.

Music News...

Calling All Eyes, Ears and ...Funny Bones

You may have noticed there are many volunteers who make it possible for us to have such amazing experiences together from week to week. I reflect on the past several weeks of worship, the range and depth of those experiences, and I cannot help but recognize that which is most powerful and impacting to me: the potential of the body of Christ when we come together and share.

What you may *not* have noticed is that we need you! Your thoughts, your talent, your time – we need you. What body would we be without the toes, the ears, the eyes, or the fingers? The body of Christ would be quite handicapped, don't you think? So, we need you to play your part. Maybe music isn't your thing, maybe it is. I encourage you to get involved this fall with the various areas of ministry that are represented. In weekly worship, the opportunities to share are extensive, ranging to even non-musical aspects. Please contact me at sam.marks@ooltewahumc.org or call 423-238-9216.

Samuel Marks, Director of Worship and Creative Arts



A Personal Invitation!!

I would like to personally invite any church member that would like to become a part of the Chancel Choir to come and join us. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30. We rehearse music that is performed weekly in the traditional worship service, we pray for each other, lift each other up, and have a great time of fellowship. We will soon begin working on new music for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season, so now is the perfect time to join. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to serve in the music ministry, we would love to have you. I would also like to encourage all parents to bring your school aged children to Children's Choir, beginning this Wednesday night, August 27, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. This choir is for ages K-5. We have a great time learning about music and singing praises to our Lord. For any questions you may have please feel free to call the church office at 238-9216 or email farah.claxton@ooltewahumc.org.

Seeking Him!!

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